

Column One By David Courtois

Congress Goes Into Committee

The 445 Zionist Congress delegates last night adjourned from the grand assembly hall of the Convention Centre to committee rooms in the Beit Hakerem School where they will proceed with the drafting of resolutions. The form of the Zionist leadership will be discussed in the Standing Committee, which will meet in the Convention Centre, under the chairmanship of Mr. Zalmen Shazar, the former Minister of Education.

According to talk in the lobbies yesterday, there will be no nominations for the presidency of the Zionist Organization. The Z.O.A. delegation have given up hopes of electing Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, and there were no other candidates.

There was a movement among them yesterday to elect Rabbi Silver President of the Zionist General Council, a post being vacated by Mr. Yosef Sprinzak. This position carries less influence than the chairmanship of the Executive, but is an office of great honour.

'Share the Burden,' Kaplan Urges

Fighting the enormous financial problems connected with the mass immigration, Mr. E. Kaplan, the Finance Minister, issued a passionate appeal to the Zionist Movement to "share the burden, to fight the danger of exhaustion."

Opening his speech, Mr. Kaplan asked the Congress delegates: "Has each of you set an example to the other Zionists and Jews?" He said that the Jewish Agency had not fully borne the load allotted to it in 1948 when the tasks were divided between the Government and the Jewish Agency.

During the period between the two World Wars, he went on, the immigrants had brought both the necessary capital and skills. Now the immigration brings also the old, the sick and penniless.

"Immigration quotas have been mentioned. There is no such thing. Every Jew may get a visa and buy a ticket for Israel. But hundreds of thousands cannot afford the passage. The question is, therefore, not of immigration but of subsidized immigration. And if you really care, say what you can and want to do to help."

Mr. Kaplan dwelt on the expenditure of the Government toward the ingathering. The State has spent \$1,000,000 for immigration and agricultural settlement, of which only \$1,250,000 was from foreign sources.

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ZOA Business Panel Plans 3 Ventures

Three important economic ventures are being planned for Israel by members of the Z.O.A. Economic Commission now visiting the country. They are:

- a factory for producing raw materials for local industries and for setting up in the country;
- a plant for producing a partnership with the Haganah Association, which will produce per cent of the country's needs;
- a company to finance the supply of agricultural equipment to a cooperative of private farmers which is raising wheat and vegetables on 2,000 dunams of Government-owned land north of Beersheva.

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Nam II Rejects Allied Message On Violation

TOKYO, Tuesday (Reuters). — The Chief Communist trade negotiator, General Nam II, today rejected an "unsubstantiated" Allied reply to his complaint on the violation of Kaesong's neutrality. In a message broadcast over Radio Pyongyang he once more demanded punishment of the "culprits" and assurances that such incidents would not recur.

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Persia Asks for Time On Stokes' Final Offer

New Delay Move on British Staff

TEHRAN, Tuesday (Reuters). — Mr. Richard Stokes announced today he had given the Persian government until midday tomorrow to accept a new proposal on the employment of British oil technicians in the Abadan refinery.

Mr. Stokes said in answer to a question that if Dr. Mossadeq accepted his new proposal tomorrow, he would attempt to reopen discussion on other matters. He did not know on what basis this might be.

Egypt to 'Ease' Canal Searches

CAIRO, Tuesday. — Egypt has decided to relax inspection of shipping passing through the Suez Canal, a spokesman of customs administration said today. The spokesman said that in future only the customs authorities would be authorized to search ships and to make reports to the authorities. There will be only one inspection of each ship, he added. Hitherto coastguards and the army have carried out independent searches.

Riley Claims Israel Is Causing Problem in Huleh

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday (Reuters). — General William Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff of the Truce Organization in Palestine, yesterday reported seven cases in which Israel is alleged to have failed to cooperate with the U.N. in the Huleh region.

In his fourth interim report General Riley said he had received information that Israel was obstructing the drainage project on the Arab side of the Jordan in the United Nations demilitarized zone. He said Israel was already greatly aggravated an already tense situation and already provoked new disturbances in the area and further along the course of the Jordan.

Text Received By Foreign Ministry

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The report submitted by General Riley to the Security Council yesterday has not yet been studied by the Foreign Ministry, it was learned here tonight as the text was received only this afternoon.

It is understood that Mr. Sharet replied some time ago to General Riley's August 7 communication, mentioned in the Chief of Staff's report. It is understood that Mr. Sharet expressed his readiness to discuss fully all the points raised in the original letter in an effort to settle speedily the matter of the movement of U.N. Observers in the area under dispute.

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HAWAIIAN QUARK. — A series of sharp earthquakes recently rocked the island of Hawaii.

T.A. Ice Crisis

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The ice crisis has again assumed a political flavour in the past few days with the consumer taking secondary place to the principal protagonists — the Ministry of Agriculture and the Municipality.

The Tel Aviv Food Controller told *The Post* today that beginning next week, special ration books for ice would

be distributed at grocery shops to all family heads. This appeared to be the Government's reaction to the Municipal Council's resolution of Sunday night, which rejected any mention of "rationing" but asked that the Municipality be given control over the distribution of ice. The resolu-

The Government, it is understood, expects to follow the recommendations of the Municipalities for the extension of the hour.

of distribution and a return to home delivery. This system will be implemented only after the national rationing system has been tested. The ration will remain at an average of a third of a block per family on Fridays and Sundays and a quarter the rest of the time.

In the meantime, Mayor Rohatko had called a press conference for tomorrow to answer charges leveled by the Ministry of Agriculture last night that the Municipal

The Government, it is understood, will insist that Tel Aviv continue sending the present average of 7 tons daily to other cities, where

meeting on Sunday asked that this figure not exceed 50 tons. Actually no official request for assuming control of ice distribution has yet been received by the Government, the Controller told *The Post*, and the only limitation was through the pressure of the General Merchants Association in Tel Aviv announced today that its members had agreed to the request of the local Food Controller for ice ration cards to be

by the grocers' shops to which their customers are normally linked. A small charge will be levied by the grocers for this service at a rate to be fixed by the Controller.

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OSLO, Tuesday (UP). — The first 35 Israel-assembled Kaiser-Frazer cars arrived here today.

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Egypt's Cat and Mouse Diplomacy

By JON KIMCHE

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NEWS of America's trade agreements with Soviet Russia and other Iron Curtain countries has come by way of Tass, the Soviet news agency. The action is reported to have caused dismay in Moscow, Prague and Warsaw. The Russian charges handed the State Department accuse the United States of "furthering the economic relations between the two countries. Washington has not been heard from, but it is clear that the volume of trade has not been impressive and has probably been to the benefit of the Eastern group of countries rather than to America. Moreover, America's need of such materials as Russia and her neighbors have available for export is certainly not as urgent as the Communists' need of American products.

The unilateral action of the United States in breaking off trade relations governed by the 1947 agreement is due in part to anxiety to conserve its output and to give priority to the needs of its friends. There can be little doubt, however, that it is also part of a political programme intended to aggravate the serious internal strain which the Russians and satellite regimes are now believed to be suffering. To that extent, the action of the United States would represent a form of economic warfare, which, as in the last German war, has been coordinated with a campaign of psychological warfare. But then it will be remembered that Americans doing business in the Eastern countries have been subjected to much chivving, direct persecution, and the so-called cycle of trial and "confession." It is, of course, possible that this step of America's may be no more than an impatient reprisal.

Whatever the exigency and the justification, this extension of the cold war at a moment when other and significant signs have been interpreted as indicating a possible relaxing of world tensions marks a setback. Other Western powers and small nations struggling to extend their trade and already hampered by the stringencies of currency, shipping space, and a world shortage of essential goods, whilst prepared to abide loyally by such international decisions as may apply to them, cannot but view with alarm this further extension of a contracting economic field. The policy of the United States, of course, imposes no obligation upon its friends to act in like manner. It is nevertheless to America that a large part of the free world looks today for guidance. It also looks to it for economic succour and military security. This dependence implies at least readiness on the part of the recipient to avoid action, economic or otherwise, which might be regarded as damaging to the effectiveness of America's international policy. To that must be attributed the British Government's recent seizure of oil tankers built in Britain for the Polish Government and the delivery of which was fully covered by an agreement concluded between London and Warsaw.

The Soviet and its allies bear a larger measure of responsibility for this state of affairs than is suggested in their indignant protest against America's cancellation of the treaty. But awareness of this should blind no one to the fact that the world as a whole cannot possibly be better off for the gradual breakdown of trading relations between East and West. The present dispute accentuates the need for a limited general agreement which will restore that contact of which the trade agreements between Western nations and the Cominform countries are almost the last vestige.

Brother of Missing Diplomat Resigns
LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter).—Mr. Alan Maclean, younger brother of the missing British diplomat, Donald Maclean, has resigned from his temporary post in the foreign service. It was announced here today. According to the usually reliable sources, Mr. Maclean felt that his continuance in the service would be an embarrassment to the Foreign Office. He was understood to have discussed his resignation with the Foreign Office but the decision was his own. Mr. Morrison thanked him for the excellent service he had given as a temporary officer during the past four years.

After a fortnight of strenuous diplomacy the British Government has received official assurances from the Governments of Israel and all the Arab states, including Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia, that no official support will be given by any of these Governments to any move for the establishment of a Greater Syrian State or any other plan designed to change the status quo in the Jordan Government.

The British are satisfied that these official assurances cover the immediate danger period ahead and remove the menace of intervention in Jordan affairs sponsored by one of the neighbouring countries. However reports reaching the British authorities from their agents in Syria do show that considerable tension persists along the Syrian-Jordan border as a result of the unofficial movement for the inclusion of Jordan into the Syrian state.

The Foreign Office has, however, expressed its confidence that should such an attempt be made, possibly in connection with the General Election in Jordan at the end of this month, the Arab Legion will be prepared for it and will inflict a "bloody nose" on any such attempt at overthrowing the present state of affairs. Official opinion here expects to see this state of tension pass once it is realized in Syria that there is no present hope for such a move; but then it is realized that other more momentous problems remain.

Egyptian Crisis
There is an unmistakable feeling at the Foreign Office that to a large extent the Jordanian crisis will be linked to the crisis in Anglo-Egyptian relations. This accounts for the decision which has been taken here very deliberately to bring the crisis to a head and compel the Egyptians to state publicly what their position actually is.

As a Foreign Office official put it, "we want to keep the Egyptians talking; so far they never stated precisely on what terms they are prepared to settle; in all the talks over the last year they have never

defined the details of their position on the Sudan or the nature of the evacuation and the military arrangements which should follow."

The British position has in fact reached the conviction that no agreement is at present possible and what is rather more important, that under present circumstances a new agreement is actually undesirable. What the British want to achieve by the continued talks is to force the Egyptians into the open, particularly on the Sudan issue. The Foreign Office feels certain that in that case Egypt would lose virtually all Sudanese support and also a considerable part of that of the Arab League.

Egypt Would End Talks
This is also the interpretation put here on the extreme speech by the Egyptian Foreign Minister. The Egyptians now would prefer not to continue negotiations in which they would appear intransigent in general and somewhat imperialistic in connection with the Sudan. Hence the haste in which the Egyptians have assumed that Morrison closed the door to further talks.

The British Government were well satisfied with this course of events which was to be reinforced by bringing the Suez Canal issue before the Security Council. But now this whole policy is menaced by the latest turn in American policy.

Last Thursday's announcement by President Truman that he has no objection to sending Mr. Harriman to Cairo to try and arrange a settlement of the Suez shipping difficulties has caused consternation and resentment in official quarters here. Understandably, formal comment is restrained, much in the same way as teeth-grashing is an exercise in restraint. But it would not be misrepresenting the official view to say that the President's suggestion of another Harriman mission to Cairo in connection with the Suez conflict is thought absurd in detail and dangerous in general.

In detail it could only once more postpone the issue from being considered by the Security Council and encourage further Egyptian intransigence until they see what

better offer Mr. Harriman will make than the British made; for if he has nothing better to offer than the British there would be no point in his coming to Cairo.

In its more general aspects, Mr. Harriman's mediation efforts are beginning to look to the British much like an exercise in the liquidation of British interests in the Middle East. In the case of Egypt it would cut clean across the new firm policy evolved since Mr. Morrison has come to the Foreign Office and open once more the road to the old familiar policy of appeasement of Egypt and the Arab League which has cost the British so much during the last six years.

Gaza Base
One suggestion is that Egypt should be brought into the new Mediterranean Command on the same terms as Turkey; the other has been made by Mr. R.H.S. Crossman

and supported by the "Manchester Guardian." This is that Egypt should cede the Gaza coastal strip to Britain and that the British should then shift their Canal Zone base to the Gaza area where it might be linked by arrangement with Israel across the Negev with the Jordan Kingdom.

It says much for the new official outlook at the Foreign Office that both suggestions are considered unrealistic, impractical and likely to lead to the strengthening and encouraging of the Egyptians in their present mood.

This in turn would lead the Egyptians to strike at Britain's soft under-belly in the Middle East—the position in Jordan. Anything which now establishes Egyptian leadership in the Arab world will, before long, so argue the British, find expression in Egyptian support for the anti-British solution in Jordan—namely support for the Mufti.

ent will consider the sacrifice made for his son as an investment which gives him the right to have his say. If my friends from abroad could realize this innate character of the conflict it might help to lessen the acrimony of the controversy.

Yours etc.
ALFRED BERNHEIM
Jerusalem, August 17.

THE HELICOPTER IN ISRAEL
To the Editor of The POST
Sir,—I read with a great deal of interest the article on the use of helicopters in Israel. This is not a new idea here. During the siege of Jerusalem I was in charge of the air strips and later on duty at the Israel Air Force Headquarters. I have investigated the possibilities of using the "heli" here and saw Mr. Aharon Remez, then Deputy C.O. of the I.A.F., and the late Mr. Zahar on the matter from a military viewpoint.

Subsequently, with their consent, I saw Mr. L. Pinkus, then with the Ministry of Communications at Hakiry, on the civil aspects of the matter and, on his suggestion, supplied him with a detailed report on the possibilities, advantages and cost of acquiring and using this type of craft in Israel. This all took place in 1948, three years ago.

The reason for my interest in the matter arose from my connection with the airfields in Jerusalem and later the airfields in Israel, especially because of the large sums of money which had been, and were contemplated being spent on air strips and airfields all over the country. At that time in Jerusalem alone many tens of thousands of pounds were expended on temporary air strips, the most expensive of which was never used, and the others have fallen into disuse. There is today yet another plan for a

Paul Wittgenstein, Gregor Piatigorsky, Yehudi Menuhin and Alexander Unkray will appear with the I.P.O. The first Tel Aviv concert will take place on October 6, at the Ohel Shem Hall.

Guest from Amsterdam
Hans Krieger, a well-known figure in the Netherlands labour movement as a composer and choral conductor, and programme adviser of the Jewish broadcasts of Radio Hilversum, was in Israel to become acquainted with new trends, and new works, in the field of Israeli music. He, furthermore, visited here some former 500 D.P. children whom he gave music lessons in Kfar Ilana, near Appeldorn, Holland. All these children are now in Israel.

FRANGO
The management of the I.P.O. announced the conductors and soloists of the 1951/52 subscription series. The concerts will be conducted by Issay Dobrovren (who appeared with the orchestra before the war); George Singer; Igor Markevitch; Alceo Galliera; Helmut Frenkel; William Steinberg (now conductor of the Buffalo Symphony Orchestra); and Vladimir Golschman (conductor of the St. Louis Symphony). As soloists Jascha Heifetz, Arthur Schnabel, the one-armed pianist

MUSICAL DIARY
FRENCH music predominated in Kol Israel's recorded week-end programmes. Sandwiched between Berlioz and Fauré, the most captivating feature of the Friday night programme was D'Indy's Second Symphony in a splendid performance by the San Francisco Symphony under Pierre Monteux. D'Indy is the most legitimate follower of César Franck; he developed the latter's cyclic form. In his second symphony there are trends from Wagner, parallel to the development of Bruckner and Dukas, but refined by the instinctive French taste, a rarer gift than mere talent.

The Saturday afternoon opera presented an 80-minute recording of Gustave Charpentier's musical romance "Louise." The composer, alive at the age of 91, was happy in the choice of an excellent librettist, Gustave Charpentier himself. The main charm of this opera emanates from the atmosphere, the pedlars, gristlers, Bohemians, and newspaper-vendors.

The Congress Dances
On the occasion of the 23rd Zionist Congress Rina Nikova presented her Jerusalem Ballet in a Gala Performance on Monday night at the Y.M.C.A. A repertory performance followed with "Shir Erez" (Lullaby) with Ben-Haim's music, received its first performance and was fascinating and tender in mood. Benny Ben-Gav and Zurio Gollani moved with charm and grace through a slow, classical dream of beauty. Rahel Nadav, who has the strongest personality of all the Israeli dancers, was exciting to watch in "Trance" with her expressive eyes and hands. The "Bukharian scene" was a feast of colour. "From Yeminite Life" was a love story. In "At the Well" Jacob meets Rahel; the delicacy of Zurio Gollani's dancing cast a spell over the

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SEA FORCE INTEGRATED IN OVERALL DEFENCE
Israel's Navy on Manoeuvres
By SHAYA SHAPIRO

There were no Palestinian commanding officers on British ships during the World War. In the War of Independence Mahal were prominent among naval commanders and fared well against Farouk's fleet.

Since then there has been much progress in the Navy. Aluf Shimon Shamir was appointed Officer Commanding and introduced a strict Army discipline. All officers and men receive the basic training of the ground forces before passing to specialized naval studies. Hebrew is now spoken by all members of the crew, and there is a spirit of order and cohesion throughout the ship where breaches of discipline are seldom known. The men are harder to manage once they get ashore. Officers who retain the British point of view think it is because camps ashore are run according to Army camp regulations, and not as though they were ships aground, as the rule in the Royal Navy.

The manoeuvres have brought life into the otherwise quiet and regular existence of the Navy. Not that they change a ship's routine much. "Business as usual" is the motto on board, except that the scrubbing and painting watches are interrupted with alerts at odd hours called.

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